

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21 of the specification with the following:

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the coupling mechanism 22 is ~~further may be~~ comprised of a first ~~[[half]]~~portion 38 and a second ~~[[half]]~~portion 40, which interconnect the actuating lever 14 to any point along the support sleeve 10. Preferably, the first portion 38 and the second portion 40 possess an arcuate inner surface that engages the support sleeve 10. The first portion 38 and the second portion 40 also preferably include protrusions that accommodate fasteners that interconnect the first portion 38 and the second portion 40 and provide a location for operable interconnection of the actuating lever 14. Alternatively, the coupling mechanism 22 may be a collar that is interconnected to the support sleeve 10 and associated with the actuating lever 14. This configuration offers the user the ability to adjust the starting and overall elevation heights of the lift platform 12 by varying the point at which the coupling mechanism 22 interconnects to the support sleeve 10. Accordingly, various sized frames can be accommodated with a simple adjustment.